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March 20, 2008

**Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423**

**Re Ex Parte No 677
Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

Pursuant to the Board's Notice of February 22, 2008, please be advised that National Grain and Feed Association intends to participate at the April 24, 2008 Public Hearing. NGFA will be represented either by Kendell Keith, its President, or Dan Mack, Chairman of NGFA's Rail Shipper-Receiver Committee, and may be accompanied by counsel. NGFA proposes to advise the Board at the time its written comments are submitted on April 17, 2008 whether its speaker will be Dr. Keith or Mr. Mack.

NGFA requests 15 minutes for its presentation. The subject of its comments will be difficulties faced by the grain and grain processing industry in receiving common carrier service, including service limitations threatened as a result of a constrained capacity environment, economically motivated service reductions and metering of the demand for service, carrier-imposed requirements for infrastructure investments by shippers, the proper use of rail embargoes, the relationship between the common carrier obligation and the allocation of carrier resources among their business segments, and to whom the common carrier obligation applies.

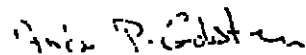
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